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--IL 1091

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/8, 10, 11, 13-18

1. COUNTERPROPOSAL CONTAINED IN PARA-
GRAPH 2 OF REF A WAS CIRCULATED IN COMMITTEE DEC. 14
AND ACCOMPANYING STATEMENT WAS READ BY USDEL. STATE-
MENT AND COUNTERPROPOSAL ARE BEING SUBMITTED TODAY,
12/15, AS COCOM DOC DEF (76) 1091/18.
2. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WITH NO TIME ALLOWED FOR
STUDY OF OUR POSITION, DISCUSSION WAS BRIEF AND SUPER-
FICIAL.
3. ONLY SERIOUS COMMENT WAS MADE BY FRENCH DEL, WHO
CLAIMED US PROPOSAL EXTENDED EMBARGO. GAMET COULD NOT
SEE WHY US WISHED TO APPLY TO DEVICE WHICH ALL AGREE
IS UNEMBARGOED SAME CONDITIONS APPLIED TO DEVICE IN
BELGIAN REQUEST (76) 1430. AT THE SAME TIME, HE SAID,
US APPARENTLY WANTS TO MAINTAIN EMBARGO ON CNC MACHINES
SIMPLER THAN SOME NOW BEING MANUFACTURED IN COMMUNIST
COUNTRIES. HE RELATED THAT IN COURSE OF VISIT TO MACH-
INE TOOL EXPOSITION IN SHANGHAI RECENTLY, HE HAD SEEN
A CHINESE-MADE 6-AXIS CNC BORING AND DRILLING MACHINE.
4. IN REPLY, USDEL CALLED ATTENTION TO FACT THAT OUR
CONCERN WAS CENTERED ON TECHNOLOGY AND PARTICULARLY
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THAT FOR SOFTWARE. HE EMPHASIZED CONCERNS EXPRESSED

IN PARA 4 OF REF A AND MADE POINT BROUGHT OUT IN ITS FINAL SENTENCE. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT OUR POSITION WAS BASED IN PART ON CONCERNS ANALOGOUS TO THOSE EXPRESSED BY GERMAN AND JAPANESE DELS IN DISCUSSION OF POINT-TO-POINT MACHINES--SEE DEF (76) 1091/8 AND 9. ASKED IF OUR STATEMENTS IMPLIED ANY DEPARTURE FROM VIEWS EXPRESSED IN WORKING GROUP REPORT (ATTACHMENT TO 1091/4), HE SAID THEY DID NOT.

5. ALTHOUGH NORWEGIAN DEL PREFERRED EARLIER DATE, MAJORITY OF OTHER DELS THOUGHT THAT AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON US COUNTERPROPOSAL BEFORE JANUARY 18, AND MATTER WAS ACCORDINGLY RESCHEDULED FOR THAT DATE.

6. US DEL CANNOT BUT REGRET THAT THIS COUNTERPROPOSAL AND ITS JUSTIFICATION REACHED HIM ONLY JUST PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE MATTER WAS TO BE CONSIDERED, AND THE LAST BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS RECESS. THERE WAS BARELY AN HOUR TO STUDY THIS LENGTHY STATEMENT AND HAVE A PORTION OF IT TYPED FOR CIRCULATION. THIS WAS ONE MORE EXAMPLE OF THE SORT OF THING THAT OCCURRED SO OFTEN IN THE LAST LIST REVIEW. IT WAS ALL THE MORE REGRETTABLE BECAUSE THE NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONCLUSIONS OF TWG WHICH US LED THE WAY IN CONVENING AND US AUTHORITIES HAD NEARLY THREE MONTHS TO STUDY IT.

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